

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Yoshiyuki Sasaki

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Art Unit: 2627

For: DEFECT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION  
SETTING METHOD, RECORDING METHOD,  
DEFECT MANAGEMENT METHOD,  
PROGRAM AND RECORDING MEDIUM,  
AND INFORMATION RECORDING  
APPARATUS

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Examiner: A. Psitos

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected in the set of Replacement Drawings submitted herewith.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.